

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND
MICHAEL ANTONOVICH

NOVEMBER 18, 2008

On November 15, 2008, several fires occurred in the County of Los Angeles which resulted in the loss of property, evacuations, and the closure of major transportation routes. The disaster sites remain unsafe, unusable, and have had a negative impact on businesses and individuals. Economic assistance is necessary for those businesses and individuals who may not be able to recover from this disaster. These conditions necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within Los Angeles County.

This disaster will require an assessment of the impacted sites to ensure the safety of all recovery efforts, law enforcement, and other personnel as reentry and reconstruction occurs. Once the cause(s) of these fires have been identified, mitigation measures must be made to avoid a reoccurrence of such an event in the future.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board:

- 1) Ratify the attached proclamation of a local emergency made on November 15, 2008, for the fires started in Los Angeles County on November 14, 2008. This proclamation shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board;

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- 2) Approve and instruct the Chair to sign, upon Board approval, the attached proclamation of a local emergency for Los Angeles County;
- 3) Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout Los Angeles County;
- 4) Request that the Governor of California forward the Proclamation of Local Emergency to the President of the United States with a request that he make a Declaration of a Major Emergency;
- 5) Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; and
- 6) Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to provide status reports while the emergency restoration actions are underway.

PROCLAMATION RATIFYING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code empowers the Chief Executive Officer of the County of Los Angeles to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer found that beginning November 14, 2008, and continuing since that date conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose as a result of the fires in Los Angeles County which are beyond the control of local resources; and

WHEREAS, many residents and businesses in the impacted areas are economically disadvantaged to the degree that they may not be able to recover from this disaster without economic assistance, and the County and impacted cities require additional economic support to help with that recovery process; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer found that on November 15, 2008, these conditions necessitated the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within the Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer, on November 15, 2008, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency throughout Los Angeles County due to the aforementioned fires; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles acknowledges conditions of extreme peril existing within Los Angeles County due to the fires; and

WHEREAS, these ongoing conditions warrant and necessitate that the Board of Supervisors ratify the existence of the local emergency previously proclaimed by the Chief Executive Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors does ratify the Chief Executive Officer's proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in the County of Los Angeles, and that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California and the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that he find it acceptable in accordance with State law and forward the Proclamation of Local Emergency to the President of the United States with a request that he make a Declaration of a Major Emergency in the County of Los Angeles.



Yvonne B. Burke
Chair, Board of Supervisors



November 18, 2008
Date

The foregoing proclamation was adopted on the 18th day of November, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and the ex officio governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer and
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By


Deputy

